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SPECIAL MEETING NO. 1.

Mercersburg Classis met in special session in Zion's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., November 29, 1926, at 1:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. F. F. Bahner.

A quorum of ministers and elders was present. Revs. A. S. De Chant, D. D., W. J. Muir, Elders J. M. Drumm and Ira Funk were present as advisory members.

The items of the call were as follows:

Item I. To consider the advisability of appointing or calling a member of Classis as Missionary Pastor to the students of Mercersburg Academy.

Item II. If in order, to conform a call to Lic. Wm. Mann Irvine, Ph. D., LL. D., and provide for his ordination and installation.

Item III. The action of Potomac Synod, relative to the endowment of the department of Religious Education at Mercersburg Academy.

Item IV. A report from the Missionary and Stewardship committee and a communication from the Executive committee of General Synod.

Item V. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. D. J. Wetzel and Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, and appoint a committe of supply.

Item VI. To dismiss Rev. D. J. Wetzel to Reading Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item VII. The time of Dr. I. W. Hendricks, as a member of Potomac Synod's Board of Sustentation expires January 1, 1927.

Action of Classis.

Item I. On motion Mercersburg Classis elected Lic. William Mann Irvine, Ph. D., LL. D., Missionary Pastor, to exercise all the functions of a Minister of the Gospel, in connection with his position as Head Master of Mercersburg Academy. The officers to extend him a call.

Item II. Adopted. Committee: Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., W. J. Lowe, E. W. Brindle.

Item III. Adopted and Classis commends the cause to pastors and congregations.

Item IV. Reports of the Missionary and Stewardship committee and of the Executive committee received. Classis voted to accept $1.00 per member for Home and Foreign Missions each, and the remainder of the items to be disposed of at the annual meeting of Classis next May. Rev. G. E. Plott was appointed in place of Rev. D. J. Wetzel on the M. and S. Committee.

Item V. Pastoral relationship was dissolved, effective January 10, 1927. Committee of supply: Revs. H. N. Smith, W. R. Gobrecht and Elder A. C. Book.

Item VI. Rev. D. J. Wetzel was dismissed to Reading Classis. Stated Clerk instruced to furnish him with a letter of dismissal.

Item VII. Dr. I. W. Hendricks was re-elected as the representative of Mercersburg Classis.

The expense of the meeting, $8.80, was referred as follows: $3.00 to the Shippensburg Church and $5.80 to the Treasurer of Classis.

The minutes were read and approved.

Classis adjourned by uniting in the Lord's Prayer and Rev. D. J. Wetzel pronounced the Benediction.

C. W. De Chant, President,
H. N. Smith, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 2.

Mercersburg Classis met in special session in Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., February 1, 1927 at 1:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. William J. Lowe.

The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The items of the call were as follows:

Item I. To receive the Rev. S. E. Lobach from Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

Item II. If in order, to confirm a call to the Rev. S. E. Lobach from the Waynesboro Charge.

Item III. To appoint a committee of installation.

Item IV. To dismiss the Rev. H. N. Smith to East Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod.

Item V. To receive the resignation of the Stated Clerk and to elect another.

Action of Classis.

Item I. Rev. S. E. Lobach was received and his name entered on the roll of Classis.

Item II. The call was confirmed.

Item III. Committee: Drs. Wm. M. Irvine, I. W. Hendricks and Elder S. S. Weaver.

Item IV. Rev. H. N. Smith was dismissed to East Ohio Classis.

Item V. Rev. William J. Lowe was unanimously elected Stated Clerk.

The expense, $7.50 was divided equally between the Waynesboro Charge and Classis.

The minutes were read and approved. Classis adjourned. Rev. E. W. Brindle pronounced the Benediction.

C. W. De Chant, President,
H. N. Smith, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 3.

Mercersburg Classis met in special session in Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., April 4, 1927, at 1:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. B. Marsteller.

The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The items of the call were as follows:

Item I. To receive Rev. H. D. Althouse, from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item II. If in order, to confirm a call to Rev. H. D. Althouse, from Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, Pa., and appoint a committee of installation.

Action of Classis.

Item I. Rev. H. D. Althouse was received and his name entered on the roll of Classis.

Item II. The call was confirmed. Committee: Rev. W. R. Gobrecht, Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks, Rev. C. W. De Chant.

The expense, $8.50, was charged to Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, Pa.

The minutes were read and approved. Classis ad-

journed, by uniting in the Lord's Prayer and with the Benediction by Rev. C. W. De Chant.

C. W. De Chant, President,
Wm. J. Lowe, Stated Clerk.

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The Reformed Church in the U. S.,

UPTON, PA., MAY 16, 1927.

The Classis of Mercersburg, Synod of the Potomac met in annual sessions in St. Stephens Reformed Church, Upton, Pa., on Monday, May 16th, at 7:30 P. M.

Altar services were conducted by Revs. William J. Lowe and G. Ermine Plott. The sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Clement W. De Chant, on the theme, "The Function of the Church in the World Today," based on St. Matt. 20:28. The Holy Communion was celebrated, after which Classis reorganized for the ensuing year.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Ministers—Revs. Franklin F. Bahner, D. D., Irwin W. Henrdicks, D. D., William J. Lowe, Walter R. Gobrecht, Clement W. De Chant, Edward V. Strasbaugh, Ernest W. Brindle, G. Ermine Plott, John C. Sanders, Clarence B. Marsteller, Samuel E. Lobach.

Elders—William J. Zacharias, S. Agustus Small, John W. Warehime, George Ommert, Joe S. Rotz, Benjamin F. McCoy, Christ W. Sheller, John Z. Faust, Franklin Miller.

Rev. Edward V. Strasbaugh was elected President, the Stated Clerk casting the ballot.

The further organization of Classis was deferred until Tuesday morning. The hours of the sessions of Classis were fixed as follows: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., with a recess from 12 M. to 2 P. M. Classis adjourned. Rev. F. F. Bahner, D. D., pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Sanders.

The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes were read and approved.

The organization of Classis was completed. The officers are as follows:

Presdent—Rev. E. V. Strasbaugh.

Vice President—Rev. E. W. Brindle.

Stated Clerk—Rev. William J. Lowe.

Treasurer—Elder M. M. Gilland.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. B. Marsteller.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

Religious Services—Revs. G. E. Plott, E. V. Strasbaugh, Elder Geo. Ommert.

Minutes of General Synod—Revs. J. C. Sanders, C. B. Marsteller, Elder, Franklin Miller.

Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac—Revs. H. D. Althouse, G. E. Plott, Elder, J. Z. Faust.

Minutes of Classis—Revs. W. J. Lowe, E. W. Brindle, Elder, John W. Warehime.

Overtures—Revs. H. D. Althouse, S. E. Lobach, Elder, Geo. Ommert.

Examination and Licensure—Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., F. F. Bahner, D. D., Elder, J. Z. Faust.

Missionary and Stewardship—Revs. J. C. Sanders, G. E. Plott, Elder, Amos Diller.

Benevolent Institutions—Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., W. R. Gobrecht, Elder, Joe S. Rotz.

State of the Church—Revs. C. W. DeChant, E. W. Brindle, Elder Franklin Miller.

Finance—Revs. W. R. Gobrecht, C. B. Marsteller, Elder, C. W. Sheller.

Social Service and Rural Work—Revs. E. V. Strasbaugh, Wm. J. Lowe, Elder, B. F. McCoy.

Christian Education, Permanent—Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., E. V. Strasbaugh, Elder, J. Z. Faust.

Sunday Schools and Y. P. S.—Revs. C. B. Marsteller, S. E. Lobach, Elder, D. A. Washabaugh.

Press—Revs. Wm. J. Lowe, H. D. Althouse, Elder, Geo. Ommert.

Informant—Rev. W. J. Lowe.

Little Cove—Revs. Wm. J. Lowe, E. W. Brindle, Elder, W. J. Zacharias.

Evangelism, Permanent—Revs. E. V. Strasbaugh, J. C. Sanders, Elder, Franklin Miller.

Seminary Endowment—Revs. G. E. Plott, I. W. Hendricks, D. D., Elder, J. W. Warehime.

Special on Ministerial Relief—Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., W. R. Gobrecht, Elder, C. W. Sheller.

All communications were referred to their respective committees.

The following were enrolled: Revs. Edward A. G. Herman, Harry D. Althouse, Wayne H. Bowers; Elders D. A. Washabaugh, Amos Willer, William Noacher.

ADVISORY MEMBERS

Revs. Dan'l. Burghalter, D. D., Central Ohio Classis; W. F. LeLong, D. D., Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod; Sidney S. Smith, Gettysburg Classis; Prof. Joseph H. Apple, LL. D., Maryland Classis.

BAR OF THE HOUSE.

The President defined the Bar of the House to be the first eight pews in the front of the church.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

All the active pastors read parochial reports; also Dr. F. F. Bahner, Rev. E. A. G. Herman and Rev. Wayne H. Bowers. Reports were read from Revs. Joseph Guy, Wm. M. Irvine, Ph. D., LL. D., Wm. F. Adams, M. D., and Lic Geo. L. Omwake, Ph. D., LL. D.

Rev. Guy requested that he be allowed to engage in secular work for another year, which request was granted.

An elder from each charge answered the Constitutional questions.

Rev. Dr. Dan'l. Burghalter addressed Classis as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer, Elder M. M. Gilland, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. See report, page 30.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee on Religious Services submits the printed program as its report, which is as follows:

Monday, May 16th, 1927, 7:30 P. M.—Service in charge of Revs. Wm. J. Lowe and G. E. Plott. Sermon, "The Function of the Church in the World Today", Rev. Clement W. De Chant. Classical Communion. Organization of Classis. Adjournment.

Tuesday, May 17th, 9 A. M.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. C. Sanders. Classical Business. 7:30 P. M., Service in charge of Revs. J. C. Sanders and Wayne H. Bowers. Address, "An Imperative Need of Our Church", Rev. I. W. Hendricks, D. D.

Wednesday, May 18th, 9 A. M.—Devotional Services conducted by Rev. S. E. Lobach. Classical Business. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. Plott,
E. V. Strasbaugh,
Geo. Ommert.

Report adopted.

OVERTURES.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your committee submits the following items:

Item I. A request from the Board of Ministerial Relief that Classis appoint a Committee on Ministerial Relief.

MARKED ATTENDED TO.

Item II. A request from the Ft. Loudon Charge for sustentation to the amount of $650.00.

THIS ITEM WAS REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF

Rev. I. W. Hendricks, D. D.
Rev. G. Ermine Plott,
Elder J. Z. Faust.

Report of Special Committee:

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your committee to which was referred the matter of sustentation for the Ft. Loudon Charge and the present status of the Fannettsburg congregation, presents the following items for consideration:

Item I. That a committee on the Fannettsburg Congregation be appointed to function during the Classical year.

ITEM ADOPTED AND Revs. Wm. J. Lowe, C. B. Marsteller and Elder J. Z. Faust, WERE APPOINTED.

Item II. That $400.00 sustentation be granted to the Ft. Loudon Charge for the present year.

ITEM ADOPTED.

Item III. An overture to be made to the Board of Ministerial Sustentation of Potomac Synod for $200.00 for the Ft. Loudon Charge.

ITEM ADOPTED.

Item IV. If this amount be not granted, our Classis provide the deficiency. (This is an increase of $50.00 over last year's.)

ITEM ADOPTED.

Item V. The Charge be requested to supplement these proposed amounts, making the salary $1500.00.

ITEM ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
I. W. Hendricks,
G. E. Plott,
J. Z. Faust.

Item III. A request to license David E. Faust of New Haven, Conn., and place his name on the roll of Classis.

ITEM ADOPTED AND REQUEST TO BE MADE A PART OF CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER, 1927.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. Althouse,
S. E. Lobach,
Geo. Ommert.

The report was adopted as a whole.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee offers the following report:

Item 1. pp 7-9 and 391-392. Attendance of delegates.

ACTION. Item noted.

Item 2. pp 37, 38 (items 5, 6, 8, 9, 11,) 39 and 374. Apportionments.

ACTION. The following adopted:

Sub. Item. .30 per member for Ministerial Relief.
A .15 per member for Pub. and S. S. Board.
$50.00 for Christian Education.
$64.97 for American Bible Society.
.05 per member for General Synod's Contingent.

Sub Item B. Adopted.

Sub Item C. Noted.

Sub Item D. Adopted.

Item 3. p 87. The Historical Society.

ACTION. Attended to.

Item 4. p 91. Equal Rights for Women.

ACTION. Noted.

Item 5. pp 102, 103. Elder's Conferences and Men's Leagues.

ACTION. Sub item A. Referred to Elders with Elder J. W. Warehime, Ch.
Sub item B. Referred to Congregations.

Item 6. pp 115, 118. Pastors at Large.

ACTION. Noted.

Item 7. p 116. Congregational Roll.

ACTION. Noted.

Item 8. p 117. Increase in Membership.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item 9. p 179. Home Mission Items.

ACTION. Items referred to Missionary and Stewardship Committee.

Item 10. p 212. Ministerial Relief.

ACTION. Sub items all referred to Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Item 11. pp 248, 249, 389. Good Literature.

ACTION. Sub items all referred to Committee on S. S. and Y. P. S.

Item 12. pp 349, 350. Foreign Missions and Missionary Education.

ACTION. Sub items all referred to Missionary and Stewardship Committee.

Item 13. p 354. The Orphan Cause.

ACTION. Referred to Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

Item 14. pp 357, 364. Christian Education.

ACTION. Referred to Committee on Christian Education.

Item 15. p 364. School for Christian Workers.

ACTION. Adopted and its attention called to Consistories and Congregations.

Item 16. p 378. Conservation of Church membership.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item 17. p 394. The Next Meeting of General Synod.

ACTION. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Sanders,
C. B. Marsteller,
Franklin Miller.

Report adopted as a whole.

Rev. Sidney S. Smith addressed the Classis in behalf of The Hoffman Orphanage.

Rev. W. F. DeLong, D. D., addressed the Classis as the representative of the Board of Home Missions.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee offers the following report:

Item 1. p 4. Attendance of Ministers and Elders.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item 2. p 19 a. Raising of Apportionment in full.
b. Central Heating Plant at Hoffman Orphanage.

ACTION. Adopted and referred to Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

Item 3. p 26. Old Folks Home.

ACTION. Subject to be noted.

Item 4. p 30. Classical Committee on Evangelism.

ACTION. Marked attended to.

Item 5. p 30. Vacancy and Supply Committee fails to make quarterly report.

ACTION. Referred to Officers of Classis.

Item 6. p 31 a. Complaints. Classis only accepts $1.00 for Home and Foreign Missions.

ACTION. Noted.

b. Classis has no standing committee on Nominations.

ACTION. Noted.

Item 7. p 66 a. Recommendations in reference to apportionment.

b. Synod recommends whole Missionary program.

ACTION. Adopted and referred to Missionary and Stewardship Committee.

Item 8. p 69 a. Support our own Publishing Houses.

ACTION. Adopted.

b. Co-operation of Sunday Schools with Educational Department.

ACTION. Adopted.

c. Need of Leaders and Directors of Religious Education, D. V. B. S., Week Day Religious Institutes.

ACTION. Adopted.

d. Urging the reading of The Messenger.

ACTION. Referred to Committee on S. S. & Y. P. S.

e. Religious Training Schools for Young People.

ACTION. Referred to Committee on S. S. & Y. P. S.

Item 9. p 74. Apportionment for Ministerial Relief.

Completion of Ministerial Relief Sustentation Fund.

Observance of Ministerial Relief Day.

ACTION. Items referred to Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

Item 10. p 82. More generous offerings for Orphans at Christmas time.

ACTION. Referred to Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

Item 11. p 86. Table of Apportionment.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item 12. p 87. More accuracy in completion of Statistical Reports.

ACTION. Attention of Pastors called to item.

Item 13. p 91. Meeting of Potomac Synod at Mercersburg Academy, Monday, October 17, 1927, 8 P. M.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item 14. p 54. Hood College.

ACTION. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. Althouse,
G. E. Plott,
J. Z. Faust.

Report adopted in full.

Dr. Joseph Apple addressed Classis in behalf of Hood College.

An item of $1100.00 was adopted to be apportioned for Classical Contingent.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee submits the following report:

Sunday Schools.

A summary of the reports of the various Sunday schools of the Classis shows that there are 4425 enrolled in all departments, a decrease of 15 from last year. It also shows an average attendance of 2433, an increase of 28 over last year. There are 51 pupils in the Teacher Training Classes.

We urge upon Sunday schools the importance of Teacher Training and Daily Vacation and Week Day Religious Instruction.

We recommend the apportionment of .15 cts. per member for Publication and Sunday School Board.

We recommend the appointment of a Classical Chairman of Religious Education.

We urge Classis to emphasize the following:

The basic significance of Religious Education.

The necessity for a thoroughly efficient Church School.

The importance of the Family Altar in the home.

The appointment of a Committee to co-operate with General Synod's Committee for the proper celebration of one hundred years of service by the oldest paper of our Church—"The Reformed Church Messenger".

Appreciation of the establishment of the "Miller Memorial Fund" and the encouragement of added gifts for this purpose.

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES.

A comparison shows an increase of 155 members in Young Peoples' Societies.

We recommend persistent efforts in interesting our young people in this work which is particularly for their benefit.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. Plott,
E. W. Brindle.

Report adopted.

Classis adjourned for the day, Rev. E. A. G. Herman pronouncing the benediction.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Lobach.

Roll called and a quorum present. Minutes read and approved.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee offers the following report:

Item 1. Report of Missionary and Stewardship Committee:

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

There have been placed in the hands of your committee the annual statements of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards; a communication from the Executive

Committee of the General Synod, and various items from the Minutes of the General Synod and the Potomac Synod. We note that despite growing receipts for both Home and Foreign Missions, the expenditures were higher than the receipts thus enlarging the indebtedness of these Boards. These debts are due to the non assumption of the full Apportionment by several of the Classis and non payment in full by a large number of them where the entire amount has been accepted. Nine missions under the Home Board went to self support during the year. This Board has elected a field Secretary in the person of Rev. William F. De Long, D. D. He has been giving especial attention to the sale of the Bonds authorized by the General Synod. The superintendency of the new Department of Evangelism has been filled by the election of Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, D. D. The Board has designated the State College Mission as the Beneficiary of the offerings from the churches of Pennsylvania on Home Mission Day in November of this year.

The Foreign Board has passed through the most critical year in all its history due to the peculiarly serious situation in China. All of our Missionaries were compelled to relenquish their work in the Province of Hunan. On his way to the homeland, Dr. William E. Hoy, the father of our educational work in both Japan and China, was called from time to eternity. From all we can learn he died of a broken heart. Being dead he yet speaks and is challenging the Reformed Church to exhibit more of the passion for souls and the zeal for Missions which he exemplified so wonderfully in his life. This Board challenged the church for a Jubilee Fund of one dollar per member, to wipe out the indebtedness, on Foreign Mission Day.

The amount actually paid is slightly above $100,000 at this time. In order to prevent an increase in indebtedness the Foreign Board ordered a cut of 10 per cent. in all the appropriations for the work on the fields and in the home administration.

Your Missionary and Stewardship Committee attended to its duty during the year with a fair degree of fidelity. We issued one bulletin showing the status of each congregation on the Apportionment at the date of issue. We are convinced that the circulation of some sort of bulletin serves a good purpose. A number of

Classes do this once a month; others several times a year. We believe that hereafter at least two bulletins should be printed by our Classis. Two Sunday Schools participated in the Denominational Stewardship Contest, viz.: Mercersburg and McConnellsburg, with five essays submitted. At the special meeting held November 29, 1926, Classis went on record as opposing the acceptance of the full Apportionment for the year 1927-1928. Your committee feels that this step should be taken for the year 1928-1929 and that congregations should keep this in mind in making the Every Member Canvass.

We recommend for your adoption the following items:

1. That the Classis engage in a season of prayer for our Foreign Mission work.
2. That our pastors co-operate heartily with the newly established Department of Evangelism.
3. That the pastors continue to keep the matter of Church Building Funds before their people and that the authorized bonds be commended to congregations.
4. That Home and Foreign Mission Days be observed, with liberal offerings on Home Mission Day for the mission at State College.
5. That all congregations conduct a thorough Every Member Canvass during the coming year.
6. That the Stewardship Essay contest be presented to the Young People in a more positive way.
7. That the pastors keep the matter of Stewardship of all of life before their people through sermons and literature.
8. That the Committee be given the authority to print and circulate at least two benevolent bulletins during the coming year.
9. That in the interest of efficiency this committee be made a permanent instead of a standing committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Sanders,
G. E. Plott.

ACTION. Item 1 was adopted and Classis led in prayer by Rev. H. D. Althouse and Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks.

Items 2 to 9 were all adopted.

The report was adopted in full.

Item II. Report of Committee on Social Service and

Rural Work, Rev. E. V. Strasbaugh, Chairman:—

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee offers the following report:

About three years ago your committee was authorized to dispose of our interest in the Kieffer Church Property. Due to the fact that the Orrstown Lutheran charge, which serves this congregation, was without the services of a regular pastor for quite a while, little or no progress was made. Last summer the Rev. Mr. Wm. Schultz was elected as pastor of the above named charge, and, in a conference made by appointment, I offered him our interest in the property for $100.00, the sum previously agreed upon by the committee. His official board took favorable action upon the matter and accepted our offer. The facts were then stated to W. J. Zacharias, Esq., a member of our Zion congregation in Chambersburg, and one well informed in the legal procedure in matters of this kind, and requested to secure the necessary documents to complete our part of the deal. He promised to do so, but up to date nothing has been done. Your committee would like to receive definite instructions from Classis, which will enable them to consumate the transaction.

Your committee submits the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That Classis approves "The Summer School Scholarship Plan", which seeks to get consistories and congregations to provide their pastors with sums of money sufficient to pay transportation to and from the schools they may attend, and to pay one-half the cost of boarding, lodging and tution at the school. This will require approximately $25.00.

2. That Classis endorses the Home Mission Study Course entitled "The Essentially Missionary Character of Christianity". It is a subject well adapted to a course on Social Service.

3. That Classis approves and supports the continued movement for law enforcement with special reference to the 18th Amendment.

4. That Classis approves and supports the proposed conference on Country Life and the Country Church to be held in the Schwartzwald Charge near Reading, Pa., June 14 to 17, and further agrees to elect two

delegates to this conference, one a rural pastor and the other a rural layman, who will be responsible for reporting the results of the conference back to the Classis at some future meeting. Classis to pay the traveling expenses of these delegates to and from the conference, up to $10.00 per delegate.

5. That Classis hereby again express its willingness to co-operate with other denominations, and through Church Federations in the practice of comity principles in dealing with new fields and over-Churched areas.

6. That Classis urges all its rural pastors who have failed to fill out the salary survey blank sent out by the Rural Church Commission several weeks ago, to do so at once that a thorough and intelligent study can be made of all the problems confronting the Rural Church.

7. That Classis urges its rural pastors to make use of the Loan Library sponsored by the Department of Country Life, at no expense to themselves excepting for return postage.

8. That Classis urges its rural pastors to make use of the Household Study Blanks which are furnished free by the Department of Country Life. These blanks are of infinite value in making a Community Survey, and can be used to great advantage in one's own charge.

9. That Classis approves the suggestion of The Department of Country Life, which seeks to establish a closer relationship and a finer spirit of co-operation between our Rural Social Agencies and the Agricultural Extension Department of the State Colleges, and hereby recommends that a speaker be secured from this department for some future meeting of Classis.

10. Resolved: That the President of the Classis of Mercersburg of the Reformed Church is hereby authorized to convey to the proper body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church the undivided interest of the Reformed Church in what is known as "Kieffer's Church" located in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, Penna; and he is hereby authorized to acknowledge a deed for the same, attested by the Stated Clerk of Classis upon payment of such sum as has been agreed upon by the respective parties.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. Strasbaugh,

Wm. J. Lowe.

ACTION. Item 1. Adopted and Stated Clerk instruced to notify the Secretaries of Consistories.

Items 2 and 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted and Rev. E. V. Strasbaugh and J. Z. Faust elected as delegates.

Items 5 to 10. Adopted.

Report adopted in full.

Item III. Report of Committee on Christian Education, Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks, Chairman.

Committee reports that it has co-operated with General Synod's Committee.

ACTION. Marked attended to.

Item IV. Report of Committee on Little Cove, Rev. Wm. J. Lowe, Ch.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee begs to report that since the name of the congregation has been erased from the roll of Classis, no further developments have come to the attention of the Committee. Just as soon as disposition can be made of the interest in the property belonging to the Reformed Church, this subject can be closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. J. Lowe,
E. W. Brindle,
W. J. Zacharias.

ACTION. Report adopted and committee continued.

Item V. Report of Informant to Ministerial Relief Society, Rev. Wm. J. Lowe, Chairman.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Informant reports that the necessary papers for the continued aid to Rev. E. A. G. Herman, were forwarded to the Board.

Wm. J. Lowe, Informant.

ACTION. Report adopted and Informant continued.

Item VI. Report of Committee on Seminary Endowment, Rev. G. E. Plott, Chairman.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Dear Brethren:

Your Comittee on Seminary Endowment Fund recommends this cause to the Pastors and people of Classis. Because of other causes seeking funds the Seminary is not pushing their campaign, but would ap-

preciate an opportunity to present this cause in a quiet way.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. Plott,
I. W. Hendricks,
J. W. Warehime.

ACTION. Report adopted.

Item VII. Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief Campaign, Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks, Chairman.

Committee reported co-operation with the Board.

ACTION. Report adopted.

Item VIII. Report of Committee on Religious Education, Rev. W. R. Gobrecht, Chairman.

Committee reported co-operation.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item IX. Report of Committee on Ordination and Installation of C. B. Marsteller, Rev. J. E. Guy, Chairman.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your committee appointed to ordain and install C. B. Marsteller pastor of Trinity Reformed Congregation begs leave to report that it performed the duty assigned it on Sunday morning, June 13, 1926. The ordination service was conducted by Rev. Joseph E. Guy and the installation service by Rev. E. V. Strasbaugh of Lemasters. The chairman preached the sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph E. Guy, Ch.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item X. Report of Committee on Ordination and Installation of Wm. M. Irvine, Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks, Chairman.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your committee appointed to ordain Lic Wm. M. Irvine, reports that the matter was attended to January 30, 1927. All the members of the committee were present and took part in the service.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin W. Hendricks.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item XI. Report of Committee of Supply, Trinity Reformed Church, Waynesboro, Pa., Rev. Dr. I. W. Hendricks, Chairman.

Your Committee of Supply for the Waynesboro

Charge reports that a pastor was secured in the person of Samuel E. Lobach.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin W. Hendricks.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item XII. Report of Committee of Supply, Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, Pa., Rev. W. R. Gobrecht, Chairman.

Your Committee of Supply for Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, reports that a pastor was secured, the Rev. Harry D. Althouse and that he was duly installed on Sunday, April 18th, with all the members of the committee present.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Gobrecht,
C. W. DeChant,
I. W. Hendricks.

ACTION. Adopted.

Item XIII. Report of Committee on Installation of Rev. S. E. Lobach.

Your Committee appointed to install Rev. Samuel E. Lobach, pastor of the Waynesboro Charge reports that the matter was attended to February 25th, 1927, all members of the committee being present.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin W. Hendricks.

Report adopted in full.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. Brindle,
Wm. J. Lowe,
J. W. Warehime.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Report of Committe on the State of the Church:

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Fathers and Brethren:

The report of all the members of Classis are in hand and a fine note of progress and enthusiasm prevails. Buildings have been erected, churches renovated and repaired and it seems that the Church is catching up after six years of strenuous giving for others.

The beautiful Chapel at Mercersburg Academy has been finished and dedicated. The Old Main Hall has

been razed by fire. Dr. Irvine has been ordained to the Ministry. The work at the Academy, thru joy and sorrow, gain and loss, moves forward with a fine spirit.

Ursinus College under the guidance of Lic Dr. Omwake, builds and grows, a credit to his efforts and to the Church.

The Rev. Wayne H. Bowers made a report on the difficulties and the progress of the Protestant work in Spain.

Dr. Adams sent his report as an eye witness of the stirring events in China.

The Rev. Joseph E. Guy sent a report of diligence and labor in commerce and in vacant congregations.

Dr. F. F. Bahner still gloriously carries on and the salvation of the Sabillasville is due to the faith and the energy of this untiring stalwart who stops not even for a grand old age.

Dr. Hendricks reports fine progress for Zion's, steady and sure.

Brother Lowe tells us again of the progress of the Federation at McConnellsburg. A new addition to the Church School has been completed and the Church has been renovated.

We not with pleasure and with congratulations the graduation of Miss Dorothea Greenawalt from the Presbyterian and Reformed School for Christian Workers. Another year shows progress and growth in St. Johns of Chambersburg.

St. Paul and Harbaugh of Waynesboro brings to Classis a fine report.

The Lemasters Charge has reached a new goal in Apportionment and evidences of very gratifying progress and co-operation and good will.

There is new life and signs of hard work in Ft. Loudon and Richmond. The report shows that under good leadership, these good people are ready to respond. We note with dissapointment the conditions existing in Fannettsburg.

Many dismissals mislead one in reading the report of the Greencastle Charge. We should rather note the additions, the fine healthy growth and the spirit of the congregations. Grace still supports Miss Henniberger on the Mission Field and Trinity has renovated and beautified its church.

The Grindstone Hill Charge makes a glowing report

finer than has been made for years. The Easter services were the finest in the history of the Charge and Solomon's this year has paid 86 per cent. of her apportionment which is indeed commendable.

Trinity, Mercersburg still holds high place in the Classis and in the Church. Repairs and additions have been in progress in the church and parsonage. Trinity continues to advance and Classis is proud.

The Classis welcomes Brother Lobach and congratulates him and his churches upon the reports. No such report has come from the Waynesboro Charge for years.

Brother Althouse is made welcome to Mercersburg. We wish him and his church well as he takes the place of our well beloved "Dan" Wetzel.

The report of Brother E. A. G. Herman was read in person. It was a real joy to have him with us again in health and strength and we pray for him God's continued care, and hope for him soon the opportunity for his fine Christian services.

The Statistical Blanks tell us the following:—

The present membership of the Classis is 4299, a gain of 72.

There were confirmed 185, a gain of 64.

There were added by reprofession 30, double the number of last year.

Death and erasure shows losses of 119, 13 more than last reported.

The Sunday School enrollment remains almost the same.

The benevolences are $22,332, $10,000 less than last year. This may be due the the fact that the urge of the Forward Movement is gone.

The current expenses are $78,153, the same as last year, almost.

The valuation of the church properties is over half a million dollars.

The average giving per capita of the Classis is $23.50, $2.50 less than that of the report of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Clement W. DeChant,
E. W. Brindle,
Franklin Miller.

ACTION. The report was adopted.

EVANGELISM.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Dear Brethren:

Nothing came to your committee's hands during the year and therefore has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Strasbaugh,
J. C. Sanders.

ACTION. Adopted.

The following Committee on Necrology was appointed: Revs. Clement W. DeChant, G. Ermine Plott and Elder W. J. Zacharias.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

After considering the documents and items referred to your committee, we present the following items for consideration:

1. That our Ministers be urged to present the cause of Ministerial Relief in some definite way during the year.
2. That charges which have not yet co-operated in the campaign to raise the Sustentation Fund of $1,328,-550.00 be urged to proceed to secure their quoto as soon as practicable.
3. That an Informant on Ministerial Relief be appointed.
4. That we rejoice to learn of the continued good work of the Hoffman Orphanage and of the improvements completed and in progress for the better equipment of the Home.
5. That the perpetual need of persons, especially qualified for the important work of caring for our orphaned children, be kept in mind by the people of our Classis, and that the Superintendent of the Home be informed of such available persons.
6. That the Charges which have not met their portion of the obligation assumed by Classis to pay for the Central Heating Plant, make payment of the same at the earliest possible date.
7. That our congregations be urged to give liberal contributions for the maintenance of the Home at the Christmas season.

8. That the 5th Annual Summer School of Theology at Lancaster, July 4-16, with its excellent program, be heartily commended to Ministers, Consistories and Members of Congregations.

9. That our people be reminded of the splendid contribution that is being made by Hood College to the education of young women, and of the pressing need of increasing the endowment to insure its maintenance as a Standard College.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin W. Hendricks,
W. R. Gobrecht.

ACTION. The report was adopted as a whole, Rev. W. J. Lowe being appointed the Informant.

The Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was instructed by Classis to convey to the Board of Ministerial Relief the feeling of Classis on the Spirit of the Report of the Board.

The Stated Clerk of Classis was instructed by the Classis to secure a new seal for the Classis.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee offers the following report:

The scholastic report and the request for continued financial aid of student Fred D. Pentz, who has completed the Junior year in the Theological Seminary, has been considered and we suggest that he be recommended to the Board of Education for favorable consideration for the usual appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin W. Hendricks,
F. F. Bahner,
John Z. Faust.

ACTION. Report was adopted and the Stated Clerk of Classis instructed to communicate with Dr. A. S. Weber, of the Board of Christian Education of Potomac Synod and also with Dr. G. W. Richards of the Seminary, asking for additional help from the Beam Fund.

NECROLOGY.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Necrology makes report:

We note with sorrow the death of Elder W. Rush Gillan of Zions, Chambersburg, and Elder Jacob Shank of Grace Church, Greencastle. We realize a distinct sense of loss as churches, as a Classis and a Church, in the passing of these who have been faithful and active in the progress of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Clement W. DeChant,
G. E. Plott,
W. J. Zacharias.

ACTION. Adopted.

FINANCE.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Your Committee has audited the accounts of the Treasurer and found the same correct and carefully kept. We submit herewith the table of apportionment for the Classical year 1927-1928.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Gobrecht,
C. B. Marsteller,
C. W. Sheller.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1927-28

CHARGES	Members.	Classis Potomac Synod General Synod Contingent	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Beneficiary Education	Theological Seminary	Ministerial Relief	Pub. and S. S. Board	Synodical Sustentation	Board of Christian Educat'n	American Bible Society	Historical Society	Catawba College	TOTAL
Per Capita		.383	1.00	1.00	.177	.099	.30	.15	.039	.012	.016	.003	.10	3.28
Apportioned		1642	4299	4299	759	423	1290	645	167	50	65	12	429	14080
Zion, Chambersburg	370	142	370	370	66	37	111	56	14	4	6	1	37	1214
St. Paul's, McConnellsburg	163	62	163	163	29	16	49	25	7	2	3	1	15	535
St. John's, Chambersburg	735	281	735	735	130	73	221	110	29	9	12	2	73	2410
St. Paul's, Waynesboro	278	106	278	278	50	28	84	41	11	3	4	1	28	912
Harbaugh, Waynesboro	62	24	62	62	11	6	19	9	2	1	1	0	6	203
St. Paul's, Lemasters	120	46	120	120	21	12	36	18	5	1	2	1	12	394
Trinity, St. Thomas	117	45	117	117	21	12	35	17	5	1	1	1	12	384
St. Paul's, Williamson	80	30	80	80	14	8	24	12	3	1	1	1	8	262
St. Stephen's, Upton	80	30	80	80	14	8	24	12	3	1	1	1	8	262
St. Peter's, Ft. Loudon	87	33	87	87	16	9	26	13	3	1	1	0	9	285
St. Luke's, Ft. Loudon	35	13	35	35	6	4	10	5	1	1	1	0	4	115
Fannettsburg Congregation	50	19	50	50	9	5	15	8	2	0	1	0	5	164
Grace, Greencastle	480	184	480	480	85	47	144	72	19	5	7	2	48	1574
Trinity, Greencastle	97	37	97	97	17	10	29	14	4	1	2	0	10	318
Heidelberg, Marion	231	87	231	231	41	23	70	35	9	3	4	1	23	758
Solomon's, Grindstone Hill	151	58	151	151	27	15	45	23	6	2	2	0	15	495
Trinity, Mercersburg	258	98	258	258	46	26	77	39	10	3	4	1	26	846
Trinity, Waynesboro,	496	190	496	496	88	49	149	75	20	6	7	2	49	1627
Salem, Waynesboro	77	30	77	77	14	8	23	11	3	1	1	1	7	253
Grace, Shippensburg	332	127	332	332	59	33	100	50	13	4	5	1	33	1089

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Amount of Apportionment	Paid	Unpaid	Other Purposes
Trinity, Waynesboro,	$1454.00	$1454.00	----	$138.00
Salem, Waynesboro,	347.00	347.00	----	----
Zion, Chambersburg,	1181.00	1181.00	----	718.50
Greencastle,	1573.00	1573.00	----	496.50
Middleburg,	308.00	308.00	----	----
St. Johns, Chambersburg,	2350.00	2350.00	----	297.35
Lemasters,	360.00	294.66	65.34	55.53
Upton,	270.00	270.00	----	----
Williamson,	286.00	125.00	161.00	18.17
St. Thomas,	343.00	250.00	93.00	18.41
St. Paul, Waynesboro,	857.00	857.00	----	----
Harbaughs,	196.00	196.00	----	----
Marion,	678.00	678.00	----	----
Grindstone Hill,	465.00	400.00	65.00	----
Mercersburg,	828.00	828.00	----	156.00
McConnellsburg,	517.00	380.00	137.00	75.00
Shippensburg,	1075.00	1075.00	----	----
Fannettsburg,	161.00	103.35	57.66	----
Ft. Loudon,	302.00	302.00	----	----
Richmond,	122.00	----	122.00	----

ACTION. Report adopted.

PRESS.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

We report that news items of the meetings of Classis will be furnished the Church papers.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. J. Lowe,
H. D. Althouse,
Geo. Ommert.

ACTION. Adopted.

The President appointed the following Chairmen of

Committees for the coming year:

Overtures,.....Rev. C. B. Marsteller.
Benevolent Institutions,.....Rev. J. C. Sanders.
Potomac Synod,.....Rev. G. E. Plott.
Classis,.....Rev. Wm. J. Lowe.
S. S. and Y. P. S.,.....Rev. H. D. Althouse.
State of the Church,.....Rev. E. V. Strasbaugh.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the Reverend Classis of Mercersburg:

Dear Brethren:

Whereas Mercersburg Classis has been so delightfully entertained in its 87th Annual Sessions by St. Stephens Reformed Church, Upton, Pa.,

Be it Resolved:—

That we extend our hearty thanks to the pastor and people of the church for the fine entertainment provided and the excellent meals served.

That the Treasurer of Classis be instructed to pay to the Treasurer of St Stephens Church, the sum of $5.00 for the use of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
S. E. Lobach,
H. D. Althouse,
I. J. Funk.

ACTION. Adopted.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Classis of Mercersburg will meet in annual session on Monday, May 14th, 1928, at 7:30 P. M., in St Pauls Reformed Church, McConnellsburg, Pa.

ADJOURNMENT.

The final roll was called, the Minutes were read and approved, and the 87th annual sessions of the Classis closed, Wednesday, May 18th, at 12:15 P. M.

ATTEST:

E. V. Strasbaugh,
President.
William J. Lowe,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—OF—

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 21, 1927.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Mercersburg Classis met in 38th annual Convention in Grace Reformed Church, Greencastle, on Thursday, April 21st, 1927, at 1:30 o'clock.

The devotional services were in charge of Mrs. F. R. Casselman, Mercersburg, who opened the meeting with prayer. A hymn was sung, followed by the reading of the 6th chapter of Matthew as a Scripture lesson. After a season of sentence prayer, the hymn "Sharing the Christ", written for the W. M. S. by Mrs. H. N. Smith, was sung.

The roll call showed six officers, eight departmental secretaries, twenty-two delegates from Woman's Societies, three from Girl's Guilds, and three from Mission Bands, present.

The President, in her annual address, reviewed the work of the past year and urged the members to become better acquainted with the work done by the faithful ones who have labored so many years for the W. M. S. She told us that now is the "Golden Age of Opportunity" for every man, woman and child to help bring about the Brotherhood of Man. She urged each member to keep in mind our goal "A Society in every Congregation and every woman a member of the W. M. S." In closing, she paid loving tribute to our dear departed Dr. Hoy and his faithful wife.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Auditing—Mrs. Lila Clever, Mrs. F. R. Bossert.

Nominations—Miss Corrinne Bowers, Miss Mary Rhodes, Miss Ruth Gillan.

Credentials—Mrs. Cora Shank, Mrs. Charles Hartman, Miss Alice Hoke, Mrs. Wilford Harbaugh.

Place of Meeting—Miss Lulu Gluck, Miss Grace Weiler, Miss Helen Rotz.

Press—Mrs. John B. Diehl, Mrs. Gertie Berger, Mrs.

Edward Omwake, Mrs. C. A. Gipe, Mrs. H. D. Althouse, Miss Bell Strickler.

Recommendations—Mrs. I. W. Hendricks, Miss Florence Richardson, Mrs. E. A. Zeigler.

The Vice President reported having presided at various meetings during the illness of the President.

The reports of the Recording, Corresponding and Statistical Secretaries were accepted.

The Treasurer complimented the societies on their prompt payments and urged more watchfulness in sending in reports.

Her report was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT—From April 1, 1926 to April 1, 1927.

RECEIPTS.

	Budget.	Thank Offering.	Contingent.	Other Objects.	Totals.	
Zion's Chambersburg	216.00	232.00	5.00	50.00	503.00	
St Johns, Chambersburg	108.00	75.00	5.00		188.00	
Greencastle	189.00	140.60	8.00	25.00	362.60	
Grindstone Hill	27.60	15.00	1.50		44.10	
Lemasters	36.00	35.00	2.00		73.00	
Marion	37.80	68.45	3.00	6.25	115.50	
McConnellsburg	37.80	35.00	3.00	50.00	125.80	
Mercersburg	100.80	58.18	3.00		161.98	
Shippensburg	158.40	150.00	3.00	15.00	326.40	
State Line	32.40	30.75	2.00	5.00	70.15	
Upton	40.80	55.25	2.00	5.75	103.80	
Trinity, Waynesboro	198.00	100.93	8.00	275.00	581.93	
St Pauls, Waynesboro	75.60	80.00	4.00	75.00	234.60	
Williamson	30.60	40.50	2.00		73.10	
Ft. Loudon	14.40	10.00			24.40	
						2988.36
G. M. G.						
Zion's Chambersburg	22.80	24.73	1.00		48.53	
Greencastle	12.10	12.00			24.10	

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(Treasurer's Report Concluded.)

Marion	14.40	12.15	1.00		27.55	
Shippensburg	16.80	20.00	1.00	2.00	39.80	
Trinity, Waynesboro	24.00	31.25	1.00		56.25	
Ft. Loudon	7.20	3.25			10.45	
						206.68
M. B.						
Greencastle	6.48				6.48	
Marion		2.73			2.73	
Mercersburg						
Willing Workers	5.00				5.00	
"	3.65				3.65	
Shippensburg Jr. Cong.				5.00	5.00	
Trinity, Waynesboro		8.63			8.63	
						31.49
Offerings and Balance						70.19
Total Received						$3296.72

EXPENDITURES.

Budget, W. M. S.	$1308.60
Budget, G. M. G.	98.40
Budget, Mission Band	15.13
Thank Offering, W. M. S.	1126.66
Thank Offering, G. M. G.	103.38
Thank Offering, M. B.	11.36
Scholarship	78.25
Chinese Medical Student	250.00
Life Members	50.00
Memorial Members	125.00
Hoffman Orphanage	5.75
Synodical Contingent	36.35
Institute Expenses	10.00
G. M. G. Banner	5.00
Kindergarten Japan	5.00
Programs and Postage,	10.00
Travelling Expenses, Dr. Noss	
General Synodical Delegates	34.45
Balance in Contingent	20.39
Total	$3296.72

JENNIE S. CLEVER, Treas.

The Secretary of G. M. G. being absent, Miss Ruth Gillan read the splendid report sent by Miss Corrine Bowers. She reported six Guilds, with a total membership of 76. The budget paid was $98.40 and the very creditable Thank Offering of $103.38 was reached. Her report of the year's activities show the Guilds to be in excellent order.

The Secretary of Mission Bands reports 5 Bands having lost two and gained one during the year with a greatly increased membership, being now 103.

The Secretary of Literature reported 135 subscribers to the "Outlook of Missions'. Six subscribers to the "Missionary Review" and 262 Prayer Calendars used. There were 15 W. M. S. Study Classes, 6 G. M. G., and 4 M. B. Study Classes.

The text books used were, "Our Templed Hills" 30; "Moslem Women" 12; "Young Islam on Trek" 9; "The Moslem Faces the Future" 2; "The Victory of Mary Christopher" 2; "Land of all Nations" 1; "Better Americans" 1; "Two Young Arabs" 3. Thirteen Societies observed a day of Prayer.

The Secretary of Thank Offering reported a total of $1241.40, an increase of $66.69 over last year. 604 boxes were used in W. M. S. and G. M. G.

The Secretary of Temperance reported that each Society observed the Temperance work in its own way at one or more meetings and literature had been distributed from time to time.

The Secretary of Life and In Memoriam Members reported 2 Life Members and 5 Members in Memoriam.

The Secretary of Stewardship gave a most encouraging report. Forty-one new Tithers for the year were added to the 33 previously reported making the total 74. Twelve of the 15 societies now contain Tithers. St. Paul's, Waynesboro, Greencastle, and McConnellsburg are now on the Honor Roll.

The Secretary of Organization and Membership reported the same number of societies, 15, with a membership of 728, a loss of 4 members.

The Historian, Miss Carrie Dittman, recalled the fact that this was the 5th W. M. S. Convention held in Grace Church, Greencastle. She took us back to one of them held 34 years ago, when she, herself, was a delegate from a society known as the "Sisterhood of Mary and Martha", which society was the seed of the present W.

M .S. of Zion Reformed, Chambersburg. We were told that the total money's received at the end of the first triennium were $230, as against $11,166.67, reported at the last triennium.

The reports from local societies, answering the questionnaries previously sent out, showed faithful efforts to further the work of Christ's Kingdom.

At this juncture the Convention rose and sang a hymn by way of relaxation.

Mrs. Fallon, Mercersburg, gave a talk "Impressions of the General Synodical Meeting at Philadelphia". She gave a most interesting resume of the activities of that body during the day sessions.

Mrs. F. R. Casselman gave us her impression of the evening sessions. She gave us many worth-while facts from all the various addresses that were delivered.

Mrs. Plott, Greencastle, told of the things that impressed her most at the Synodical Meeting at Hagerstown. She noted the attendance of the young people at practically all sessions and deplored the lack of leaders for young people's work.

Mrs. Bert Bard, Chambersburg, stressed the dates of the summer Conferences at Wilson and Hood and urged interest and attendance. The President read a message from Miss Kirschner asking that more W. M. S. members be sent as delegates and not only young people.

The Offering was lifted at this time.

Mrs. Hendricks explained the Scholarship Fund giving us a new idea of its importance and our responsibility toward it.

Miss Ruth Gillan, Sec'y of Literature, presented her material and urged wider use of the very excellent Church Literature. She particulary asked for an increased subscription to the "Outlook".

The G. M. G. of Greencastle gave a most charming sketch "The A. B. Y. T. Club", which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Adjournment followed, to partake of a box luncheon, at which the hostess socially served ice-cream, coffee, and mints.

The Business Meeting at 6:45 was called to order by the Vice President.

The Auditing Committee reported the accounts correct.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following, which was accepted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot.

President,.....Mrs. E. B. Fahrney.
First Vice President,.....Mrs. F. R. Casselman.
Second Vice President,.....Mrs. J. B. Diehl.
Rec. Sec.,.....Mrs. W. A. Railing.
Cor. Sec......
Stat. Sec......Mrs. F. R. Stickell.
Treas.,.....Miss Jennie Clever.

The Committee on Credentials recommended the Secretaries list of deligates in attendance be used.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported an invitation to hold the Fall Institute at Mercersburg and the annual Convention, in the spring at Marion.

The Committee on Recommendations submitted the following which were accepted.

1—That the President of this society appoint a Chairman of the Recommendations Committee, prior to the annual meeting, that she may have time to consider possible recommendations.

2—That all local Societies stress the work of the Department of Stewardship and inform themselves of the opportunities afforded along the lines of Stewardship.

3—That the Department of Temperance be made a special object of prayer, that the laws may be inforced and righteousness prevail.

4—We reiterate the need for the wider use of the "Outlook of Missions" and "The Missionary Review" and urge that special consideration be given to an enlarged subscription to "Everyland".

5—We recommend a renewal of interest in the Scholarship Fund.

6—We recommend that the local societies pay close attention to all recommendations that come down from the higher bodies.

Elizabeth C. Hendricks,
Flo. M. Richardson,
Rebecca M. Zeigler.

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CLASSICAL STATISTICAL REPORT

MINISTER	NAME OF CHARGE AND CONGREGATION	COMMUNICANT MEMBERS														CONTR., Including Congregation and all Organizations										VALUE OF PROPERTY		
			GAINS			LOSSES										BENEVOLENCE												
		Membership Last Report	Confirmed	Certificate	Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Deaths	Erasure of Names	Present Membership	Communed During the Year	Unconfirmed Members	Infant Baptisms	Deaths—Unconfirmed Members	Students for Ministry	Total S. S. Enrolment, Including Officers, Teachers, Scholars, Home Dept., and Cradle Roll.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphans' Homes	Forward Movement Budget	Other Denominational Benevolences	Benevolences Outside of Demonination	Total of All Benevolences	Congregational Purposes	Churches	Parsonages	Indebtedness on Property
F. F. Bahner, D. D. Waynesboro, Pa.	Pastor Emeritus																											
I. W. Hendricks, D. D. Chambersburg, Pa.	Zion	368	10	8		4	5	7	370	285	75	5			281	760	1221	245	538	300		176		3240	5394	60000	12000	
William J. Lowe McConnellsburg, Pa.	St. Pauls	161	7		1	5	1		163	135	45				150	92	93	105	30	75		72	68	535	5358	8000	3000	
Walter R. Gobrecht Chambersburg, Pa.	St. Johns	732	26	7	6	13	8	15	735	635	175	24	1		759	824	912	427	110	297		587	233	3390	14832	90000	10000	30000
Clement W. DeChant Waynesboro, Pa.	St. Pauls Charge																											
	St. Paul	267	10	13		6	4	2	278	234		6			257	30	200	126	440	365	39	857	125	2182	2850	30000	4500	
	Harbaugh	61			5	3	1		62	48		4			25	61	161	21	51	25		196		515	350	3000	800	
Edward V. Strasbaugh Lemasters, Pa.	Lemasters Charge																											
	St. Pauls	112	10	1		1	2		120	115	27	2			97	145	145		10	10		45		355	850	7500	6000	
	Trinity	107	18	1	3	4	3	5	117	108	30	5			138	120	120		10	9		35		294	775	8000		
	St. Pauls	89		2		2	2	7	80	72	26	1			102	60	60		5	11		30		166	800	8000		
	St. Stephens'	84		2		2	1	3	80	74	11	2			224	135	135		5	7		65		347	750	8000		
Ernest W. Brindle Ft. Loudon, Pa.	Ft. Loudon Charge																											
	St. Peters	94	10			10	1	6	87	75	36	1			108	100	122	60	44	62		145	2	535	1422	5000	3000	
	St. Lukes	38	4			4		3	35	26	20	3			37					4				4	301	2500		
	Fannettsburg	50							50	30	12				45											2000		
G. Ermine Plott Greencastle, Pa.	Greencastle Charge																											
	Grace	490	13	7	1	22	8	1	480	373	92	5		1	411	490	1490	285	73	524		235	50	3147	3860	20000	5000	
	Trinity	96	3	1		1	2		97	92	40				116	96	96	42	14	20		46	14	328	1160	3000		
John C. Sanders Marion, Pa.	Grindstone Hill Charge																											
	Heidelburg	211	19	6	1	4	1	1	231	208	30	2			209	284	508	122	40	145		89	98	1286	2761	15000		700
	Solomons	145	9	2		4	1		151	102	20	1	1		326	135	135	84	27	29		59	45	514	1179	5000	5000	
C. B. Marsteller Mercersburg, Pa.	Trinity	258	9	10		3	5	11	258	198	53	12			203	258	258	155	106	70		294	54	1195	3869	25000	5000	
Samuel E. Lobach Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro Charge																											
	Trinity	453	36	15	8	10	6		496	461	122	4	1	1	504	504	591	336	85	31	159	219	61	1986	6072	25000	10000	
	Salem	77	1		5	5	1		77	77	40	1			78	77	77	72	109	25		32	20	412	1308	10000		
Harry Althouse Shippensburg, Pa.		335		4		1	6		332	290	120	1			370	350	355	206	101	89		551	298	1950	24260	125000	4300	44000
Joseph E. Guy Waynesboro, Pa.																												
Wm. F. Adams China.			6																									
Wayne H. Bowers Spain.																												
Jesse B. Yaukey China.																												
Wm. M. Irvine, Mercersburg Pa.	Mercersburg Academy																											
Lic Geo. L. Omwake Collegeville, Pa.	Ursinus College																											
E. A. G. Herman Frederick, Md.																												
TOTAL FOR THE CLASSIS		4228	185	79	30	104	58	61	4299	3638	974	79	3	2	4440	4521	6679	2286	1798	2098	198	3733	1068	22381	78153	460000	68600	74700

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

NAME OF SCHOOL, NAME AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT.	Sunday-school Officers	Sunday-school Teachers	SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP PUPILS (exclusive of Officers and Teachers) CHILDREN: Cradle Roll (Ages 1, 2, 3)	Beginners (4, 5)	Primary (6, 7, 8)	Junior (9, 10, 11)	YOUNG PEOPLE: Intermediate (12, 13, 14)	Senior (15, 16, 17)	Young People (18-23)	ADULTS: Adults (24 on)	Home Department	Deducted for Names Duplicated	Total S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance during the Year	Pupils in Full Church Membership	Pupils Confirmed or Otherwise Received Into Communicant Membership During Year	Teacher Training Students	Week Day School Membership: Pupils in Vacation Church Schools	Pupils in Week-day Church Schools	CONTRIBUTIONS: Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Educational Work of the Publication and S. S. Board	Other Benevolences	Support of School	Do You Use Reformed Lesson Helps?
St. Paul's, F. W. Heefner, Waynesboro, Pa.	18	11	25	25	11	27	25	5	12	61	51	29	242	110		3						18		157	195	yes
Harbaugh, John A. Johnston, Waynesboro, Pa., R. 4	4	3											25			10								20	25	yes
Trinity, E. W. Shelter, St. Thomas, Pa.	9	6	19		22		13		30	51	3	15	138	62	95	10							8	10	177	yes
St. Paul's, Lemasters, George A. Greenawalt, Lemasters, Pa.	13	8	10	7	4	8	8		19	41		21	97	64	74	7					8	3		12	202	yes
St. Stephens, (Union), Edgar Stengar, Mason-Dixon, Pa.	16	12	28	18	20	18	20		28	75	17	28	224	115	77		6				20	20			216	
St. Paul's, (Williamson), Jacob R. Keller, St. Thomas, Pa., R. 1	12	7	7		13		12		27	29	14	19	102	56	63		6				12	13	10	27	99	yes
St. Johns, Chambersburg, A. E. Schellhase, 714 Lincoln Way, Chambersburg, Pa.	24	46	48	60	56	66	66	80	43	274	15	19	759	377	479	29	8	110				88	34	352	718	yes
Trinity, Mercersburg, Dr. C. A. Brown, Mercersburg, Pa.	10	16	18	10	10	12	9	10	20	106	8		203	149	150	9	7	13		22	25	10	59	267	yes
Grace, Greencastle, H. S. Bitner, Greencastle, Pa.	12	15	30	27	33	23	34	23	31	220			411	200	290	10					1000	11	238	356	yes
Trinity, Greencastle Charge, Clyde Binkley, State Line, Pa.	10	9	16	15	10	8	10	2	26	31	4		116	66	50	3								20	315	yes
Grace, Shippensburg, Herbert Allison, Shippensburg, Pa.	17	18	25	30	30	48	28	189			23	28	370	220	209					33			417	492	yes
St. Pauls, McConnellsburg, Cyrus Wagner, McConnellsburg, Pa.	20	7	12	19	15	8	20	6	6	36	10		150	79	82	5		22		25	25	24	87	150	yes
Heidelberg, Marion, C. E. Haulman, Marion, Pa.	12	14	9	5	8	8	8	19	13	72	41		209	113	90	15	11				60	32	86	178	yes
Solomons, Grindstone Hill, (Union), C. F. Heckman, Chambersburg, Pa., R. 10	10	11			40	63		62	46	115	5	26	326	179	200	9						13	39	188	yes
Zion, Chambersburg, John L. Etchberger, Chambersburg, Pa.	10	19	15	25	12	36	22	10	25	83	24		281	155	150	15	7	20		95	156	88	152	400	
St. Peters, Fort Loudon, John H. Metz, Fort Loudon, Pa.	13	9	9	10	9	11	8	10	10	30	15	13	108	69	49	10	6	20		6	14	6	63	175	yes
Fannettsburg, David Clippinger, Fannettsburg, Pa.	5	5	8	3	2	2	2		4	13	6	5	45	24	22									47	yes
St. Lukes, O. S. Stains, Richmond Furnace, Pa.	8	4	9	3	4	3			4	14		8	37	20	18	4								4	31	yes
Trinity Waynesboro, B. A. Foltz, Waynesboro, Pa., R. 3	12	18	45	35	50	70	38		207		55	26	504	320	410	29				51	138	60	32	448	yes
Salem, Waynesboro, Harry Potter, Waynesboro, Pa., R. 4	5	5	11		6		11		10	40	6	10	78	55	52	1							21	39	yes
TOTAL FOR THE CLASSIS	240	243	334	290	355	411	334	416	561	1291	312	247	4425	2433	2560	169	51	185		272	1560	296	1796	4712	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

CONGREGATION	Name and Address of Superintendent or President of Young People's Division.	Enrollemnts						Cont'rs		
		Number of Young People's Organizations	Totol Enrollment in Young People's Societies	Total Departmental Enrollment in Sunday School	Young People of Congregation at College	Delegates at Conferences, Camps and Training Schools	Young People of Congregation Preparing for Christain Life Work	Benevolences	Young People's Department of Publication and S. S. Board	Local Church and Society
St. Pauls, Waynesboro		3	54	42	----	----	--	5	--	-----
Trinity, Mercersburg	Miss Louise Zeger, Mercersburg, Pa., R. 3	2	60	53	7	5	--	10	8	2
St. Johns, Chambersburg	James Schellhase, 714 E. Lincoln Way, Chambersburg, Pa.	----	57	189	10	1	--	-----	--	3
Trinity, Lemasters Charge	Mrs. Edw. Crider, Chambersburg, Pa.	----	-----	37	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
St. Pauls, Lemasters Charge	Miss Ethel Smith, Lemasters, Pa.	----	-----	27	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
St. Stephens, Lemasters Ch.	Edw. Angles, Greencastle, Pa., R. 4	----	-----	48	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
St. Pauls, Williamson		----	-----	35	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
Grace, Greencastle	S. W. Yingling, Greencastle	1	38	88	4	----	1	10	--	1
Trinity	Emma Myers, State Line, Pa.	1	30	38	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
St. Lukes, Fort Loudon	Miss Zelda Butts, Richmond Furnace, Pa.	1	12	----	----	----	--	-----	--	2
St. Peters, Fort Loudon	Miss Clara Rotz, Fort Loudon, Pa.	2	72	28	----	6	--	28	--	12
St. Pauls, McConnellsburg		--	----	31	6	----	1	-----	--	-----
Grace, Shippensburg	Annabelle Herberlig, Shippensburg, Pa.	1	16	-----	----	2	--	-----	--	-----
Trinity, Waynesboro	Frank Zumbro, Waynesboro, Pa.	4	118	120	----	6	--	63	--	3
Zion, Chambersburg	Elizabeth Feldman, Chambersburg, Pa.	1	15	-----	----	----	--	-----	--	-----
	TOTAL FOR THE CLASSIS	16	472	739	27	20	2	116	8	227

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